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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ruola NING ✓  
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant wishes to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant wishes to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited for the first time in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

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- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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